Quality control of drugs in the Country

2970. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both the multinational companies and Indian companies are selling about 10,000 patent drugs in the Indian market;

(b) if so, the measures taken for quality control of these drugs;

(c) whether it is a fact that of 200 to 250 drugs which are enough to cover all diseases proposed by the World Health Organisation so that all necessary drugs are available cheaply; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) It is a fact that more than 40,000 dosage forms manufactured by multinational and Indian campanies, are available in the market.

(b) Under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetic Act the manufacturers are required to test the quality of both raw material and finished formulations and maintain the records before the formulations are released for sale. The Drugs Inspectors from time to time draw samples and send them for test to check the quality of drugs moving in the market.

(c) and (d) World Health Organisation has identified about 285 bulk drugs and about 350 formulations of thes drugs as essential. However, these drugs are not enough to cover all diseases. Lists of essential drugs required for use in Primary Health Centres as well as sub centres and Community Health Guide have been prepared and these lists are even more restrictive than the World Healh Organisation list.

Shortage of medicines in C.G.H.S. Dispensary Gole Market

2971. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of medicines in CGHS Dispensary in the Gole Market, New Delhi

(b) whether it is also a fact that even the medicines/syrups prescribed by the Specialists are not being supplied to the beneficiaries; and

(c) if so, what are the reason therefor and what remedial steps Government propose to take to ensure prompt supply of medicines to the CGHS beneficiaries in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Medicines included in the CGHS formularly are more or less available in all the CGHS dispensaries including Gole Market. Any Medicines/ syrups prescribed by the Specialist as essential and not available in the dispensary is procured through Super Bazar/ open market and supplied to the beneficiary.

Strike by the Junior Doctors

2972. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the strike by the Junior Doctors Fedration has been called off;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to meet the demands;

(c) whether any settlement has been reached as a result of the efforts so far made;